

Gunpowder mills in Holland by which twelve

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This was the condition of Mayor Edson's political ledger at the end of his first ten days of active business. To the average political accountant casting his eye over it with the precision of the mathematician and the cold impartial judgment of the philosopher, it was not a particularly exhilarating balance sheet. Even to the interested eye of the Mayor himself the column of assets must have seemed a trifle brief and attenuated when compared with the fat figures of liabilities incurred. People began then to remember that just prior to the nomination of Mr. Franklin Edson for Mayor, Mr. Kelly, standing in front of that august band of patriots which call Tammany Hall its home and Mr. Kelly its "Boss," recited in a single pregnant sentence, a Tammany aphorism, the essential qualifications—nay, qualification, for there was but one—to be demanded for the office of Chief Magistrate of this great city. "We want a man," said he, "who will know who is who." Not, mark you, what is what, in the measures, the principles, the pol-

A Philadelphia correspondent sends us a report of the Directory for Nurses opened in that city on the basis of a similar institution in Boston, and suggests that the medical profession of New-York ought to take measures to establish something of the sort. An office is opened in connection with the training-schools for nurses, and the addresses and qualifications of male and female nurses, cuppers, leechers, etc., are registered. Information leading to the engagement of nurses is supplied at low rates of charge, an important result being the promptness with which grave emergencies are met, as many nurses register for contagious diseases, insanity and cases of accident. The idea seems to be a good one. A central agency of this sort would be of great utility in New-York, and would be largely patronized by families and physicians in the city and its

In his report of January 1 to the shareholders of the Chicago, St. Louis and New-Orleans Railroad Company, Mr. James C. Clarke, General Manager of the Company, made this interesting statement with regard to negro laborers: "During the past five years this company has employed a large amount of unskilled labor, chiefly consisting of negroes. My experience with this class of labor has been very satisfactory. When intelligently directed, properly treated and justly dealt with, they are a better laborer than the negro to be found among any race in the world. They are peculiarly fitted for labor in semi-tropical climates, and by nature cheerful, honest, kind, industrious and contented. They are not quarrelsome, and are very docile, industrious and intelligent. They are now a valuable laboring population, and each year, as they acquire education, they are becoming a different class of laborers. They are dealt with, and treated with the respect due all honest laborers."

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